

# **Western Expansion Study Guide**

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This is more like a study guide that you can expect to see in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and in the high school. Use it as an outline to guide your studying. It would be a good idea to thoroughly study a section or two a night until you feel that you can describe them sufficiently. As always, don't forget your vocab. You will need to know the vocabulary that was not included in earlier chapter quizzes.

## **Moving West**

1. Know the leaders of the two expeditions that opened up the west.
2. Know the effects of early expeditions into the west

## **Why Settlers Moved West**

3. Know what push factors and pull factors are.
4. Be able to describe several push factors that convinced Americans to set out in search of a better life.
5. Be able to describe specific pull factors that drew Americans to settle in different territories in the west.

## **Traveling West**

6. Be able to describe how most settlers traveled west. You should have a solid understanding of the vehicles that settlers used to move west and the routes that they traveled
7. Know some of the dangers faced by settlers..
8. Be able to describe the big improvement that transformed how Americans moved west.

## **Oregon Country**

9. You should be able to describe the three groups that traveled to the Oregon Country.

10. You should know why each group went to Oregon and how each group contributed to its settlement.
11. You should know about the division of Oregon including who we divided it with and where it was divided.

## **Texas**

12. You should know who controlled Texas before the United States.
13. Be able to describe how Texas won its independence including its major battles and key people involved.
14. Explain why it took so many years for Texas to be added to the Union.

## **California & the American Southwest**

15. Be able to explain how the Mexican War began.
16. Know what land was ceded by Mexico to the United States.

## **Americans Rushing West**

17. Know who moved into the Utah territory and why.
18. Know who moved into California and why.
19. Know who moved into the southwest and why.
20. Be able to describe why ranchers and cowboys did not get along with farmers.

## **Hardship for Native Americans**

21. Be able to describe how the settlement of the west negatively affected the Native Americans already living there.
22. Be able to provide specific examples of how Native Americans were removed from their land.
23. Be able to describe specific examples of what happened to Native Americans who resisted relocation.

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**Short Answers:** You will have to complete both of the following short answer questions on your test. Each short answer will need to have an introduction, body and conclusion.

24. What is manifest destiny and how did it contribute to the settlement of the American west?

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## Test Essay Grading Rubrics

24. What is manifest destiny and how did it contribute to the settlement of the American west?

- ✓ **Introduction that includes the definition of manifest destiny** (1 pt.)
  - ✓ **2 examples of positive effects of manifest destiny**
    - **Example #1** (2 pts.)
    - **Example #2** (2 pts.)
  - ✓ **2 examples of negative effects of manifest destiny**
    - **Example #1** (2 pts.)
    - **Example #2** (2 pts.)
  - ✓ **Conclusion 1pt** (1pt.)
- Total: 10 points**

25. What are push factors and pull factors? Provide two examples of push factors and two examples of pull factors. Explain how each example influenced settlers who were moving west.

- ✓ **Introduction** (1pt.)
  - ✓ **Define Push Factors** (2 pts.)
    - **Example #1** (1 pt.)
    - **Example #2** (1 pt.)
  - ✓ **Define Pull Factors** (2 pts.)
    - **Example #1** (1 pt.)
    - **Example #2** (1 pt.)
  - ✓ **Conclusion** (1 pt.)
- Total: 10 points**